GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of passports issued by passport offices during the last three years; and

(b) the average time taken in issuing the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

a) The total number of passports issued by passport offices during the last three years is given below:-

1999	2000	2001
25,80,113	22,43,033	27,80,738

b) Passports are normally issued in 35 days provided the application is complete in all respects and a clear police verification report is received. However, in cases of non-receipt of clear police verification reports or in cases of incomplete information submitted by applicants the average time in issuing passports varies.